

**MINDENHURST
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP
MINUTES**

Meeting date:	Tuesday 23 rd November 2021
Time:	6pm – 7pm
Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Skanska attendees:	Leisliane Garcia, <i>Development Director – Skanska</i> Niki Dufour, <i>Community Relations Manager – Skanska</i> Nick Sutcliffe, <i>Director – BECG</i> Samuel Carr, <i>Account Manager – BECG</i> Charlotte Rowe – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i> Michael Russell – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i>
Community attendees:	Councillor Helen Whitcroft – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Councillor Morgan Rise – <i>Surrey Heath BC</i> Howard Hyde – <i>Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum</i> Keith Maynard – <i>St Barbara's Church, Deepcut</i> Revd. Daniel Natnael – <i>St Barbara's Church, Deepcut</i> Sarita Bishop – <i>Principal Planning Officer, Surrey Heath BC</i>
Apologies	Jacques Olmo – <i>Mytchett, Frimley Green, and Deepcut Society</i> Peter Cater, <i>Development Manager – Skanska</i> Robert Smith – <i>Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)</i> Councillor Paul Deach – <i>Surrey County Councillor & Surrey Heath BC</i> Clare Kennedy – <i>Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum</i>

1. Welcome

- Members of the team introduced themselves to **CLG** attendees.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021

- No comments were received in relation to the previous minutes.

3. Green Swathe update

- **NS** explained that work has been ongoing over the past week, following the discovery of a small area of asbestos when ground works commenced for a new footpath through the green swathe. He stated that residents were immediately notified, and work to remove the contaminated spot will be completed by the end of the week.
- **NS** added that drop-ins were held recently with residents of the new CALA properties.
- **NS** explained that, subject to the legal agreement with Surrey Heath, the work on the Green Swathe can begin in early 2022.

4. Church refurbishment update

- To discharge the planning conditions, **LG** noted that in the last two weeks a survey of the condition of the Church was undertaken, with the report due to be finalised within the next fortnight. She clarified that this report will identify the works that need to be undertaken to refurbish the Church.
- **LG** noted that the refurbishment of the Church is scheduled to begin at the end of February or early March 2022, and that Skanska is securing a contractor based on these timescales.
- **LG** stated that once the detailed design for the formal park has been approved, the reserved matters application for the Church Hall will be submitted.
- **LG** added that when the formal park is approved, Skanska will begin works on the north part of the formal park, before starting works on the car park.
- **KM** asked how long the Church building works will take?
 - **LG** stated that it depends on the amount of work that needs to be undertaken, which is why the report matters.
- **KM** asked whether Skanska had yet prepared a planning application for the link between the Hall and the Church.
 - **LG** replied that this was prepared earlier in the year based on the pre-application, and that the materials are very close to being ready. She clarified that this will require further review based on the design of the formal park and the Church condition survey.
- **KM** asked whether the car park works will take place after the building of the Hall, or before.
 - **LG** clarified that this will likely take place in parallel, but that there will be an element of the works that can only be completed after the Hall works, such as the tree works.
- **HH** asked how the works to the Church relate to the works on Deepcut Bridge Road.
 - **LG** replied that Skanska will be mindful of reconciling the timescales between Deepcut Bridge Road and the works at the Church.
- **DN** asked whether Skanska have been in touch with the Diocese regarding the scope of works.
 - **LG** replied that another negotiation will need to take place with the Diocese regarding the detail of the appearance of the Church and Church Hall.
 - **DN** observed that there is disquiet among veterans in the community regarding the future of the Church. He requested a statement from Skanska and DIO be prepared. **This was agreed to.**

5. Summary of 2021

- **LG** observed that considerable progress has been made on site over the course of 2021, not least the maintenance of the Central SANG, the construction of the Loop Road, the opening of the Bovis show home, and a start to construction works at the pub.

6. Work Programme for 2022

- **LG** explained that Green Swathe works will be accelerated in 2022, in response to the completion of the legal agreement with Surrey Heath. She observed that a number of reserved matters applications are also under preparation for delivery in 2022 and that Skanska is engaging with a contractor regarding the demolition of the Officers' Mess in 2022.
- **LG** explained that Skanska will move to focus on the Loop Road and Formal Park in early 2022, before moving onto the sports hub and the other green spaces.

7. Construction newsletters

- **NS** explained that two construction newsletters had been released in October and November, which detailed works undertaken and community activity.

8. Community activity

- **ND** highlighted some of the community events that had been undertaken since the last update, before outlining the community programme for Christmas and initial ideas for the New Year.
- **HW** offered to work with **ND** on arranging community events in her expected Mayoral Year 2022/23 and also suggested that Skanska liaise with her on potential work experience opportunities for pupils at Farnborough Tech. Also events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **ND** will engage with **HW** on these matters.

9. Any other business

- No AOB points were raised.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- **NS** invited feedback on issues to include at future meeting and the format of the meetings.
- **NS** explained that, COVID allowing, monthly drop-ins would re-commence from January, with **CLG** events to be held every three months.
- The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 6pm.